

REMARKS

Non-elected claims have been cancelled, claims 2, 8, 10-12 have been amended and new claims 18-21 added. In particular, a typographical error has been corrected in claim 2 and claim 8 has been amended to incorporate recitations from cancelled claim 5. Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to eliminate non-elected subject matter. Additionally, claim 10 now specifies that the fragment is "25 or more nucleotides" and claim 11 now recites that the molecule is "isolated." New claim 18 corresponds to an embodiment previous found in claim 8 (which depended from claims 4-6). New claims 19-21 recite varying percentages of sequence identities.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 3, lines 13-14; and page 4, lines 10-12.

The above amendments are made without prejudice and without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications hereof containing the canceled or unamended claims.

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

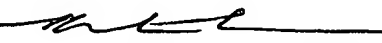
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